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City Council opts for council-led committee for Apopka charter review

By Teresa Sargeant  
Apopka Chief Staff

Debating the best method for reviewing the city charter before voting unanimously, 5-0, on the council-led charter review committee for the city charter.

The City Council held its second of two monthly meetings on Wednesday, September 20 at Apopka City Hall.

The final meeting of the charter review committee took place on June 26, 2014, according to the city of Apopka website.

Cliff Shepard, city attorney, presented three possible methods the council may want to consider: council led, council/citizen lead and citizen lead. All methods are subject to sunshine and public records law.

No matter which charter review method is used, charter changes will be put on a referendum for residents to vote on.

"At the end of the day, in all of these methods, the final decision about what goes on the ballot resides here," Shepard explained to the council. "The only way that isn't true is if rather than a citizen-led or council-led or some combination led charter review. The citizens themselves put together initiative petitions to get some-

thing on the referendum ballot, which they can do at any time, so long as they meet all the legal criteria to do that. And that's a wholly separate process we don't need to talk about."

The first proposed method is the council led one, in which council conducts the review with the city attorney's help, going through the whole charter article by article. The council sets the schedule for special charter review meetings, sets the agendas for said meetings, invites citizen participation before, during and after each such meeting, and eventually considers an ordinance sending any proposed changes to the voters in a referendum election.

If certain proposed amendments need deeper study or citizen study, they can be placed in the "parking lot," a term for a special separate meeting devoted to just those issues. It typically occurs towards the end of the review process, and the committee reviews issues at the "parking lot" meeting and decides on how the city wants to proceed.

The second proposed method is the council/citizen led method, which works the same as council led but adds citizens to the reviewing board via council appointment. The City Council can add as many citizens as it would like, but the resulting num-

ber should be an odd figure to prevent tie votes on issues. Additionally, since the City Council may not delegate its voting authority on resolutions or ordinances, the City Council alone would have the final say on what issues are ultimately included in the referendum ballot.

The third method is the citizen-led method one, in which the City Council appoints an all-citizen review board, who then supplants the council as the lead reviewing body. The remainder of the review is conducted in the same manner as the council-led review with the city attorney's assistance. Once the review is completed, the review board submits a report to the City Council on recommended amendments for the City Council to consider submitting to the voters by referendum.

The city charter is a small document – not even 10 pages when printed out – yet it carries lots of weight, according to City Commissioner Kyle Becker.

"I think when we talk about the charter review, I think people immediately think of this big laborious, labor intensive," Becker said, explaining that a printed copy of the charter is about 10 pages. "It's a very small

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Event to benefit scholarship fund

The Armando Borjas Jr. Scholarship, along with the City of Apopka and the Apopka Fire and Police Departments, will be hosting the second annual Together as One Festival and third annual 9-11 Memorial 5K in downtown Apopka.

All donations and proceeds from this event will benefit the Armando Borjas Jr. memorial scholarship fund.

"As we look back over the last 22 years since the attacks of September 11th devastated our Nation and changed the course of history forever, we are encouraged to remember the sacrifices made and not forget the memory of those who lost their lives that day and continue to lose their battle with 9-11 related illnesses," says a news release from the Apopka Fire Department.

This year's course starts on Fifth Street, a thriving part of downtown



Borjas

Apopka's Community Re-development Area. This scenic course offers a mix of suburban, city, and park views, with moderate hills and a pedestrian bridge overpass.

The 5K opening ceremony will start at 7:15 a.m. at Apopka City Hall 120 E. Main St., Apopka. The 5k race is scheduled for 8 a.m.

The Together as One Festival will take place at 40 E. Fifth St., Apopka,

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City Council finalizes FY24 budget of \$168 M

The City Council approved 5-0 the final fiscal year 2024 millage rate of 4.1876, which is a 13.21 percent increase over the rolled back rate of 3.6991. As well, the City Council finalized the total FY24 tentative city budget totaling \$168,828,988, an \$18.3 million increase or 12.4 percent increase over the FY23 budget.

On Wednesday, September 20, the City Council approved the final according to Resolution No. 2023-30, which sets the fiscal 2024 millage rate, and Resolution No. 2023-31, which sets the fiscal year 2024 budget. The new fiscal year begins October 1.

In accordance with the Truth in Millage (TRIM) statutory requirements, the city must adopt a millage rate prior to adopting the annual budget.

A mill is the tax rate for each \$1,000 of taxable property value.

A millage rate of 4.1876 generates approximately \$23,689,626 in property tax revenues for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2023-2024, according to Resolution No. 2023-30.

The City Council conducted its tentative FY24 city budget hearing and on Wednesday, September 6.

Chamber foundation holds fundraiser

Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation held a fundraising dinner Monday, September 18.

The foundation board thanks all who supported through the dinner at Back Room Steakhouse and the 5050 Raffle. The foundation thanks Ed Conlan and the team at The Back Room Steakhouse for the meals and service. Orlando Health and the Leadership Apopka 2023 class sponsored the event and dedicated the funds raised to HOPE Community Center.

The Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, created as a 501-(c)(3) by the business member community, to promote efficient and effective ways to provide business advocacy and collaboration, community humanitarian assistance, long-term



(Photo credit: Ralo Flores)

The Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation donated a \$1,035 check to HOPE Community Center on Monday, September 18, at the Backroom Steakhouse on Rock Springs Road. Pictured are (l to r) Felipe Sousa-Lazaballet, HOPE Community Center executive director; Debo Ofsowitz, HOPE development director; Cate Manley, Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce president/CEO; Michele Shade, Chamber Board of Directors member; Charles Chamber, Chamber Board of Directors chair; and Ed Conlan, Back Room Steakhouse owner.

community improvement, to support improved literacy rates of children, and adults, mental and cultural wellness, increase educational attainment and overcoming workforce barriers for underestimated people, while promoting equality, economic justice and the overall prosperity for all in our region.

To learn more, visit [apopkafoundation.org](http://apopkafoundation.org).

Meet the AHS 2023 Homecoming Court

Apopka High School introduces the 2023 Homecoming Court which include the following: first row (l to r) – Jayden Sotolongo, Sophia Mattioli, Kaylee Fernandes, Melissa Delgado, Makaylah Thompson and Felix Mercado; second row – Talise Clay, Kate Murray, and Yomary Class; and third row – Jenna Williams, Evan Ashford, John (JT) Taylor, Brandon Sowers, Kai West, Joshua Washington and Charles Williams. Online student voting to determine this year's king and queen will begin on Sunday, October 1, and conclude on Thursday, October 12. The king and queen will be announced during a halftime ceremony at the homecoming football game on Friday, October 13.

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Apopka Event of the Week

Apopka Area Alumni FFA (Future Farmers of America) meeting will be on September 28, 6 p.m. at Apopka High School Media Center. Both middle and high schools teach agriculture. There are many opportunities for community members to become involved. Come and hear all about how FFA supports the community and encourages student leadership development.

Quotable

“To live under the American Constitution is the greatest political privilege that was ever accorded to the human race.”

President Calvin Coolidge’s quote remembered by guest columnist

Opinion

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Our position

Living in America is the greatest privilege we have

By Mark Miller |  
Pacific Legal Foundation

President Calvin Coolidge once said, “To live under the American Constitution is the greatest political privilege that was ever accorded to the human race.” Not-So-Silent Cal’s simple words from a hundred years ago resonate most especially on the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. But do our current leaders recognize the political privilege our forefathers accorded all of us by adopting the Constitution?

Coolidge, sworn into the nation’s highest office exactly 100 years ago, most certainly did.

And to improve a line from Archie Bunker’s theme song: “Mister we could use a leader like Calvin Coolidge again.” There are many of his qualities we miss today, but three stand out: first, his work to defend property rights; second, his respect for the right to earn a living; and third, his decision to decline another term in the nation’s highest office.

First, the former president respected property rights and understood that, as he put it, “property rights and personal rights are the same thing.” Stable property ownership is a predicate for a stable society, but too many of our elected leaders have failed to appreciate what Coolidge knew.

Thankfully, in recent decades the Supreme Court has taken steps to enforce the constitutional property rights that our Founding Fathers intended the Bill of Rights to protect. For example, in Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency this past term, the Court reined in out-of-control EPA bureaucrats that claimed authority to prohibit a husband and wife from building a home simply because their residentially zoned lot was near a lake.

Both the current leader of the free world and the aspirants to that position on the Republican side of the ledger should take steps to follow the Supreme Court’s lead and elevate property rights to their proper place in the constitutional firmament. They can begin this effort by addressing the costly and often unconstitutional conditions imposed on those who seek to build new homes. At the federal level, this comes at the behest of an EPA that overreaches its authority to regulate waters of the United States and a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service unlawfully expanding the definition of endangered species and critical habitat to prohibit development where

it is most needed. These misbegotten efforts have helped create the high cost of housing that keeps too many young people from achieving the American Dream of owning a home. A leader will put a stop to these mistakes for the good of the country and its future.

Second, Coolidge knew that the people retained the right to earn a living free of unnecessary and burdensome government regulation. As he put it, “The government has never shown much aptitude for real business. The Congress will not permit it to be conducted by a competent executive, but constantly intervenes. The most free ... method ever devised for the equitable distribution of property is to permit the people to care for themselves by conducting their own business. [The people] have more wisdom than any government.”

Recently, some states have begun to heed this Coolidge lesson by making occupational licenses in one state valid in another. Of course, eliminating licensing requirements for most professionals makes more sense as, ultimately, the market will support those who provide a service professionally and weed out those who do not. Nevertheless, any incremental step in the direction of protecting the individual’s constitutional right to earn a living is a step in the Coolidge direction.

Third, like President George Washington before him, Coolidge had so much respect for our Constitution that he walked away from the nation’s highest office. Why? He gave a variety of explanations for why he chose not to run for President in 1928. But one quote stands out: “It is a great advantage to a President, and a source of safety to the country, for him to know that he is not a great man,” he wrote. “When a man begins to feel that he is the only one who can lead in this republic, he is guilty of treason to the spirit of our institutions.”

If Coolidge had run for re-election in 1928, he would have won. But just because a leader can run for the presidency does not mean the leader should run.

Coolidge’s presidency is a testament to the best of our country and its leaders. On Sunday, Sept. 17, we celebrated Constitution Day, and our nation’s current leaders, both in and out of office, should live up to his example.

Mark Miller is a senior attorney with Pacific Legal Foundation and former chief of staff to South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem.



Tenant Services hosting meeting

The county’s new Office of Tenant Services is hosting a great event on Sat., Sept. 23, 2023 at the John Bridges Center from 9 a.m. to noon. If you’re looking to rent an apartment or buy a home, this Housing Resource Expo will offer information on mortgages, down payment assistance programs for homebuyers, and code enforcement.

The Office of Tenant Services will be on hand to provide critical information on tenants’ rights for those looking to rent an apartment or needing questions answered about your current rental situation.

Landlords are more than welcome to attend as the Office of Tenant Ser-

County Commissioner  
District 2



Christine Moore

vices serves both landlords and renters for properties within unincorporated Orange County. The office’s educational efforts are really paying off for both groups of people as the 2023 Tenant’s Bill of Rights ordinance passed by the county commission ushered in some change.

For example, tenants have the right to reasonable notice prior to a landlord’s

entry into the unit. They have the right for the maintenance of the unit to be in line with building, housing, and health codes, and the right to the return of a security deposit or a written notice of a damage claim. Tenants are entitled to the return of their security deposit within 15 days of vacating the premises for termination of the lease if the landlord does not intend to impose a claim on the deposit. If the landlord does intend to impose a claim on the security deposit (example: tenant has damaged the dwelling unit), then the landlord has 30 days to give the tenant written notice of the landlord’s intent

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Fiscal year 2024 budget approved

On September 12, the School Board approved the final budget for fiscal year 2024. This is obviously one of the most important tasks the board takes on each year.

Just as with any budget, this is a plan for the year to come. We are required by state law to adopt a millage and approve a total amount for the budget for the year, but how the dollars are spent is not set in stone and can be amended throughout the year.

One of the most important factors in how much funding a school district receives from the state is the millage rates that are set

Orange County School  
Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

by the state. The Required Local Effort is a specific amount that we must levy to receive state funding. The state sets this rate each year for us. This is based on our local property values, but the important thing to note is that it is equalized statewide so that if our assessments go up, our state

revenues go down.

This is a difficult concept for most of us to understand. In fact, when you look at the history of millage rates for our school district, they have steadily gone down each year. Our Required local effort in 2010 was 5.425 and in 2024 it will be 3.173. This means that increased revenue from local sources does not necessarily cause an overall increase in funding.

Our general fund which provides the operating dollars for the school district is primarily funded by the Florida Education

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This Week In God’s Word

“Show me your ways, Lord,  
teach me your paths.”  
Psalm 25:4

Mema Says

There’s more evidence of God in our success, than in our poverty.

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Israel working to bring people together, building trust, cooperation

“I can handle this job all by myself...” So goes the old song of yesteryear. I was listening to it the other day while reading an article concerning the leadership of Benjamin Netanyahu over the nation of Israel. The United States of America has been one of the greatest allies and friend of Israel since their nation planted the Star of David banner on Jewish ground in 1948.

Now, with the failures of this administration looming large over our ties



Ike Hayden

to Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the nation of Israel have chosen to advise us (the U.S.), they can handle the job of making peace with Saudi Arabia and other na-

tions in Western Asia by furthering the Abraham Accord without the assistance of the fly-by-night administration that has bowed to the Ayatollahs and Mullahs of Iran.

I love the example of Israel stepping up and making the effort of bringing people together, not just for themselves, but for the purpose of building trust and cooperation between nations that, in the past, have been enemies.

In the meantime, the United States is being pro-

pelled toward an unfortunate end as a free nation. We have had many of our constitutional rights trampled under the guise of “protection” from a virus that was nowhere near as deadly as was the Swine Flu of years ago. Oh, but we did not have Dr. Fauci to lead us into the abyss of masking, and endless vaccinations.

Closing schools was not for health reasons. How else could they dumb down Americans without using the children as instruments

of persuasion. In retrospect, we see the damage our children have suffered, the jobs that were lost, and parents that were led to desperation by concern for their children.

Suddenly, every one in the news, was “expert” in the field of illnesses, especially Covid. Businesses had to close their doors, funerals were closed off to all but the immediate family, even terminally-ill patients in hospitals were denied the visits of loved ones who wished to comfort the be-

loved and share last hours with them.

Going out of the house without a mask (or two) and a bottle of hand sanitizer was a dreaded affair. Everyone that died was Covid-stricken, and all those that lived through it without vaccinations, masking, and separating themselves from everyone at least by six feet were thought to be guilty of attempted murder. All the Draconian measures had nothing to do with pro-

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# City: August 9 to be known as Indigenous Peoples’ Day

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document, but yet it carries a bunch of weight. So that’s why I don’t want to insert complexity where there’s simplicity in its form today.”

During public comment for the charter review method, resident Albert McKimmie acknowledged the considerable amount of public interest in the city conducting a review.

“As you know, there’s a certain amount of us interested in charter review for some time. We’ve done some research on how the members of the public that we know feel about it,” McKimmie said. “Six, eight months ago, we might have thought differently, but over the last six months, there’s a number of the commissioners here that have proved themselves to the people of Apopka. And we have no problem with the council-driven charter review.”

McKimmie suggested public meetings to go through the review process before the committee looks at the charter more deeply because there are some items in the charter that would be of interest to

the public and others that wouldn’t be.

His main concern, he said, was for the review to start and finish as soon as possible in time for the recommendations to get on the ballot for the next election cycle.

### Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples’ Day

The City Council voted 5-0 for the city to recognize August 9 as Indigenous Peoples’ Day rather than to add Indigenous Peoples’ Day to Columbus Day.

City Commissioners pointed out that August 9 is the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples.

At the September 6 City Council meeting and at the council’s direction, city staff gathered background information on Columbus Day, which Susan Bone, city clerk, presented at the have gathered this information together for your consideration. The city does not currently recognize this day as a holiday, nor has it ever been celebrated in any way.

Columbus Day has been recognized as a national holiday since Presi-

dent Franklin D. Roosevelt designated it in 1934.

In 1971, Congress changed the date from October 12 to the second Monday of October. Columbus Day celebrations in the United States were meant to honor the legacy of the man credited with “discovering” the New World. The earliest known Columbus Day celebration dates back to October 12, 1792, on the 300th anniversary of his landing, according to the city of Apopka staff report.

In 1990, South Dakota, currently the state with the third-largest population of Native Americans in the U.S., became the first state to officially recognize Native Americans’ Day, now commonly referred to as Indigenous Peoples’ Day in other parts of the Country.

By the 2010’s, Indigenous Peoples’ Day, gained steam as it was adopted by scores of cities and states around the nation. Some states honor both Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples’ Day, while others have renamed it entirely.

Currently, more than a dozen states and the District of Columbia now recognize Indigenous Peoples’

Day including Alabama, Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

### Amphitheater marketing

The City Council approved 5-0 to establish and implement the “LIVE at the Amphitheater” Marketing Program, a fee-based program for non-city organized special events held at the Apopka amphitheater.

The marketing program would allow event promoters and organizers hosting special events at the Apopka Amphitheater the opportunity to use city-owned marketing infrastructure and social media platforms to market for their upcoming events.

At the time of the meeting, the use of city-owned marketing infrastructure and social media has been limited to city-organized or city-supported events.

Staff are regularly asked by event promoters and organizers for any opportunities to market on the city-owned marketing infrastructure and social media platforms, but at this

time none are available to be offered. The fee-based marketing program would open up a new opportunity for the event promoters and organizers to market their events while also opening a new revenue source for the City, and capitalize on the growing interest in the Apopka Amphitheater from event promoters and organizers.

“LIVE at the Amphitheater” would have three

levels of marketing packages available: the bronze package that is included with rental, the \$500 silver package, and the \$2,500 gold package.

Depending on the package, the packages would include listing in the city digital newsletter, a digital marketing slide in the rotation on the city’s three digital signs and event sharing on social media.



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to impose a claim on the deposit and the reason for doing so via certified mail to the tenant's last known mailing address.

As for those looking to buy a house, you'll learn at the expo about shopping for the right mortgage for you and your fam-

ily and how to potentially get down payment assistance through different programs. Through the county's Housing and Community Development Division, assistance is provided based on household income and size.

Anyone looking to get approved must attend a Homebuyer Educational

Seminar. As for credit rating, a middle credit score of 620 or above is a requirement.

There's so much to share with our District 2 families! Please join the team at the John Bridges Center, 445 W. 13th St., Apopka 32703 on Saturday, Sept. 23 – tomorrow – from 9 a.m. to Noon.

# Byrd: Budgeting difficulties shared

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Finance Program, which is quite a complicated system, but is basically based on the number of students that are present, attending school each day. This funding comes from state sales taxes, local property taxes and the additional voted millage that our generous voters have provided in Orange County.

While there was an increase this year in the per student funding, we are nowhere near where we should be as a state. At the beginning of the Great Recession in 2008, state funding declined dramatically until the funding reached its lowest point in 2011. State funding per student dropped to \$6,228.17 in 2011 and only rose to \$8,555.54 in July 2023.

To put that in perspective, the national average of per pupil funding is \$13,201. To further complicate matters, inflation had been modest with an average increase of less than two percent per year since the recession, until 2022 when inflation rose to 4.7 percent and is now hovering at 8 percent. What that means is that the purchasing power of the district has been greatly reduced.

Just as it is with you and your family, everything is costing us more. Our health care costs are skyrocketing with the district estimating the need to supplement the health trust fund with an additional \$42 million this year to keep it solvent and our construction costs have greatly increased as well. In fact, the average cost to build an elementary school has risen from \$21 million in 2022 to \$38 million in 2024.

The reduction of investment by the state in public education over the last several years is quite concerning. The percentage of the state budget that goes to education did increase this year from 43 percent to 43.9 percent.

But that percentage remains well below the pre-lottery amount of over 60 percent. In 1985, over 60 percent of the state budget was dedicated to education. In 2024, 43.9 percent is budgeted for education.

Within that 43.9 percent of the education budget, public K-12 schools are receiving less each year as well. This year, universities will have realized the largest increase in general revenue funding.

Many people think that the lottery filled in the gap in the reduction of state funding for education, but that is not exactly accurate.

In the early years of the Florida Lottery, 60 percent -70 percent of lottery dollars coming to education were for public schools. That number is now only 43 percent and none of those dollars would be considered educational enhancement since 89 percent of those funds support the regular state per student funding. Twenty-four percent of this funding is used to fund the Bright Futures Scholarships the state offers.

All of this de-prioritization of education in our state has caused Florida to be one of the lowest per-student funded states in the nation with one of the lowest average teacher salaries as a result. To further complicate the problem are the numerous unfunded mandates that the state requires of school districts in the

state. For example, the recent law passed this summer requiring that every teacher's classroom library be cataloged and approved by a licensed media specialist cost our school district over \$400,000 to implement. This funding was not provided by the state.

We are required to adopt state-approved textbooks for various subjects and the last round of adoptions cost our district \$30 million. The state line item funding for textbooks this year was only \$18 million.

We are required to provide transportation to all students who live outside a two-mile radius of schools. The funding provided by the state only covers about 60 percent of the expenses incurred by the district for that service each year.

The question every voter should be asking is why. Why is our state not prioritizing our public education system? When we think about what affects the most change in a society, we have to look at education as the great change maker.

Think about this: if all the members of our society are being educated and trained to be employable and productive members of society, they will use less of the other areas of the state budget. For example, healthcare costs go down when people take better care of themselves through preventative care and eating healthy foods. Both are easier to do with good jobs with benefits.

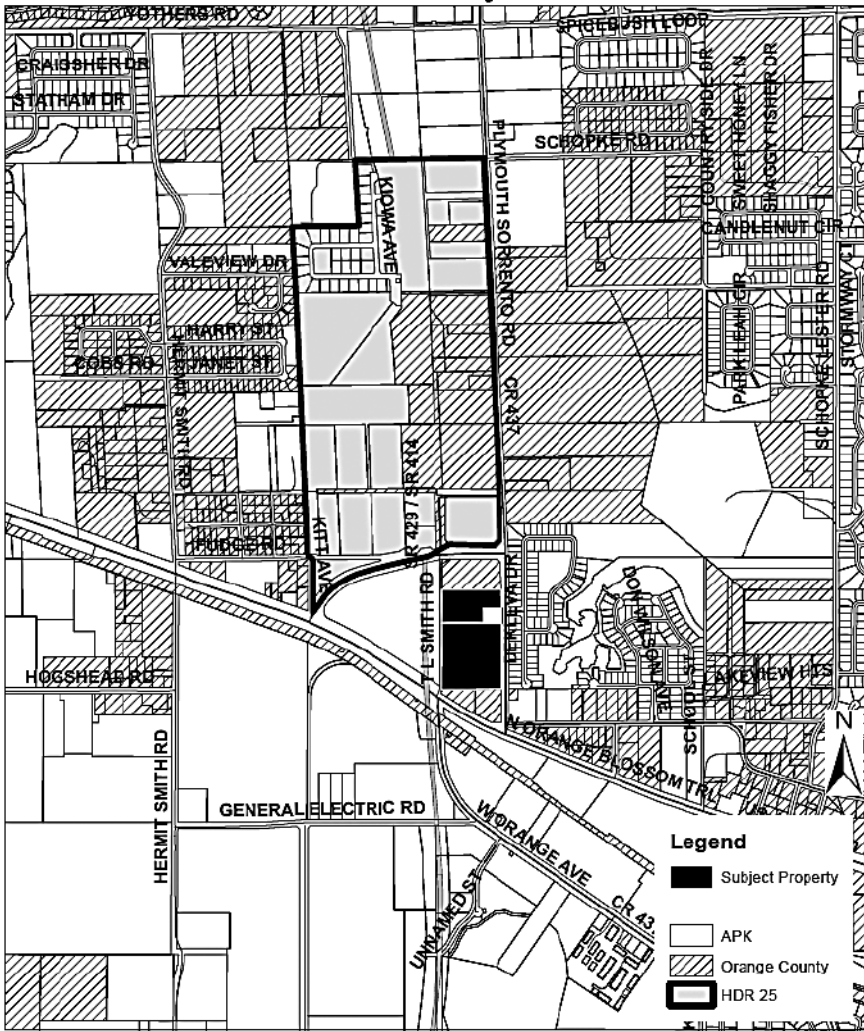
A well-educated and career-trained public results in a more productive and functional society. We have to demand better for our children and our society.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3) (c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinance, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **JONATHAN HUELS, ESQ.** has made an application to the City of Apopka Planning Commission and the City Council to **EXTEND THE SR 429/US 441 AREA MAP TO INCLUDE 750 AND 922 PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD FOR 13.05 +/- ACRES.** This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; BY AMENDING MAP 1-1.a: POLICY 3.1.h.ii OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT BY EXTENDING THE SR 429 /US 441 AREA MAP TO INCLUDE 750 AND 922 PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD FOR 13.05 +/- ACRES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel ID Number(s): 06-21-28-7172-08-050 and 06-21-28-7172-08-040  
Contains: 13.05 +/- acres

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 3006 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** or soon thereafter.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use Application can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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## Everybody has an opinion. Why not share yours?

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tection from the virus, but had all to do with establishing a power-grab over the "sheeple," and most of us fell for the lies and bogus "experts" with their false, and phony reports.

Now it is starting all over again. It is high time we start looking throughout our nation for leaders who, like Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, can handle the job we hire them for. Like the nation of Israel, we need to seek a leader who loves our nation and the Judeo-Christian standards that our nation was founded on. We need to find someone who will bring us back together under one banner (Old Glory), and unite us as We the People, instead of tribal separation.

This administration has turned its back on our greatest ally, the nation of Israel. In fact, they have been considering using our taxpayer dollars to support a movement called

Boycott, Divest from, and Sanction (BDS) Israel. The leaders of the movement have even stated their goal is to see the collapse of Israel from economic isolation.

We need to contact our elected leaders and let them know we do not want our tax dollars supporting this anti-Semitic rhetoric, and actions that are being promoted by radical Islamic influences through this administration.

Donald J Trump was the only president to keep our promise to Israel and move our embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and recognize the City of David as Israel's spiritual, political, and national center. By his presidential action, the United States of America was showing our support, and our unity with Israel's stand as the only Democracy in that part of the world.

Israel is seeking inroads to bring peace and stability to the nations surrounding it.

My prayer is that we

will choose to be a part of those efforts for peace. We have a responsibility to hire (vote for) those to be in office who love the United States and see it as an exceptional nation worth fighting for.

I don't care what color your skin is, your religion, your heritage, or education, but if you are a citizen of the United States of America, you need to stand for our glorious banner, the Stars and Stripes, place your hand over your heart when the National Anthem is playing, and thank GOD you are a part of this Constitutional Republic (if you don't know what this is, look it up). Let us support Israel and advise them they don't have to handle that job by themselves.

Let our pride be in what GOD has ordained through the wisdom of our Founding Fathers and the document they put their sacred honor on the line for, when signing the Constitution of the United States of America.

## ALL ABOUT APOPKA

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# 500 families receive meals in food distribution event

By Teresa Sargeant  
Apopka Chief Staff

About 50 volunteers distributed bags of food to at least 500 Apopka families during a joint event between Winn-Dixie, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, and StoryLife Church.

The food distribution event happened on the grounds of City of Destiny Church, on Monday, September 18. Volunteers helped load vehicles looping throughout the City of Destiny Church parking lot with a mix of fresh produce and pantry items.

"It's an awesome day. It's good that we got some extra food to give out to the people. But it's a really big need," said Deacon Chris Assanah of StoryLife Church.

StoryLife Church launched on September 3 at City of Destiny. The outreach ministry involved with the food distribution event is called Operation Love at City of Destiny.

StoryLife Church conducts food distribution events like the September 18 one, at least twice a month, Assanah said.

Partnering with Winn Dixie and Second Harvest Food Bank for September 18 "means more food for people that need it," Assanah said.

Second Harvest of Central Florida has part-

nered several times in the past with Winn-Dixie.

"Typically, our mobile distributions do between 500, sometimes up to a thousand depending on the distribution that we're doing," said Maureen Mikel, Second Harvest Food Bank corporate partnership manager. "So, I was really grateful for our incredible community partners that allow us to do these types of distributions between Winn-Dixie sponsoring and partnering for some of the food, and then also the partner for hosting. Second Harvest at the location to ensure that these families are getting the nutritious food that they need."

According to Mikel, the food that was distributed could last a family of four up to a week.

Hunger Action Month is a national month of recognition of hunger in America. Every September for Hunger Action Month, Winn-Dixie donates food and time in support of local hunger relief efforts. This year, Winn-Dixie, which has two Apopka locations, one at Errol Plaza on West Orange Blossom Trail and the other at the Apopka City Center on U.S. Highway 441/Main Street, will supply enough food to provide more than 12,700 meals at a local food distribution event.

"It's kind of trickled down from our umbrella

of Feeding America and essentially what it is, it's a call of action for our community to get involved and to try to end hunger in our community," Mikel said about Hunger Action Month. "So, there are different actions that you can take today. Winn-Dixie is taking the action of doing the mobile distribution to feed all the families in Central Florida or in Apopka that do need or are facing hunger."

People can make food donations or monetary donations to Second Harvest.

See FOOD Page 6A

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September 28  
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Apopka High School  
Media Center

Parents, guardians and community members are invited to attend the next meeting of the Apopka Area Alumni FFA, to promote and support our local agricultural education programs and their FFA Chapters at the following schools:  
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## Community invited to FFA meeting at AHS on Sept. 28

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Both middle and high schools teach agriculture. The organization that supports agriculture education is the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and they are well known for student leadership development.

FFA has been around since 1928 and Apopka has the fourth chapter started in the state in

1929. Yet our Apopka area FFA Alumni membership has been very small in the past few years.

It is important to know that the Alumni is not just for people who were previously included in the FFA; it is for anyone at all who has an interest in student opportunities to learn about agriculture. We have many opportunities for community members to get involved, even if they have no children in the program.

Join the FFA Alumni at this year's first meeting on September 28, at 6 p.m., in the Apopka High School Media Center to hear all about what the Alumni members do and how they support the community.

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# Pet rescue needs public’s help raising funds for a new building

A pet rescue organization that lost its building lease this past summer has so far raised nearly \$100,000 to acquire a new building in which to set up shop.

The donations come from PayPal, GoFundMe, Facebook, and in-person monetary donations at the pet rescue, according to A Forever Home Animal Rescue (AFHAR) GoFundMe page.

Located about 20 minutes from Apopka, AFHAR

has had adopters from local communities including Apopka. In addition, AFHAR takes in dogs from outside of Florida, which are flown into Orlando-Apopka Airport by Alabama Puppy Rescue Flights and brought to the pet rescue. AFHAR adopts dogs from homes where the elderly owners have passed away and there is no one to take care of them.

After 13 years of service, A Forever Home Animal Rescue (AFHAR), a

sanctuary for abandoned, abused, and sick dogs, lost its building lease last July. Since then, it has been seeking a new location and the funds to continue its operations.

AFHAR is seeking a new rental space preferably in Lake County, specifically Tavares or Mount Dora, as these areas are home to the organization’s employees, volunteers, and veterinary services.

The desired space

See DOGS Page 10A



This dog is one of several that A Forever Home Animal Rescue has available for adoption.

## Food: Event is for Hunger Action Month

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Every donated dollar provides four meals, “so even a \$10 donation provides 40 meals, “which is huge,” Mikel said.

In addition, volunteers are always needed at the food bank, Mikel said.

“We always need volunteers at the food bank. So, we would greatly appreciate it, if you can’t give money or food, (then donate) time of course because it takes the community to get this mission done. It’s not us at Second Har-

vest doing it. It’s the community rallying together to support,” Mikel said.

Second Harvest Food Bank and StoryLife church are always welcoming volunteers for the food distribution events.

“Well of course we can always sign up to volunteer through Second Harvest,” Assanah said. “It’s a great organization and they’re really doing a lot.” Assanah said.

But there’s plenty of ways to get involved in Hunger Action Month as well. And you can find that

at our website@feedhopenow.org on our events calendar.

To get involved in Hunger Action Month events, visit Second Harvest Food Bank’s website feedhopenow.org to see their events calendar.

Anyone interested in volunteering for food distribution with StoryLife Church may text TEAM to 75100. Also, if anyone needs food from the StoryLife Church food pantry may text PANTRY to 75100, Assanah said.

Over the last 40 years,

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida has distributed more than 765 million meals and grown a network of over 625 community feeding partners in seven counties. However, the need for food assistance remains elevated at pandemic-era levels. One in eight people across Orange, Osceola, Lake, Marion, Seminole, Volusia and Brevard counties is at risk of going to bed hungry on any given night, according to a press release announcing the September 18 event.

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# Borjas: Public is asked to be aware of road closures

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from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tre Jones, Sean Holcomb and Chris Rodriguez will give musical performances.

Armando Borjas Jr. spent 14 years fighting fires and saving lives with the Apopka Fire Department and seven years active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps. In 2011 Armando was diagnosed with stage IV esophageal cancer, which he battled for two years until his death at age 39.

In an effort to keep Armando's memory alive and carry on his legacy of public service, the Armando Borjas Jr. Scholarship Foundation was established in 2015.

Through the years, this foundation has helped raise awareness for fire department-related cancer, PTSD, and mental health problems, assisted many local organizations with further helping those in need within the Apopka community, and created a scholarship that helps send local youth to fire and EMT school.

The foundation's mission is to provide financial sup-

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## Road closures

There will be street closures in the community for the Armando Borjas Jr. Scholarship Foundation -

9/11 Memorial Run and Together As One Festival on Saturday, September 23.

The affected streets are as follows:

\*Fifth Street between Park Ave and Central Ave (6 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)

\*Central Ave between 5th Street and Station Street; detour available using Fifth/Station streets (8-9:30 a.m.)

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tween Central Avenue and Sixth Street (8-9:30 a.m.)

\*Sixth Street between Station Street and McGee Avenue (8-9:30 a.m.)

\*McGee Avenue to "the Hilton fountain" (8-9:30 a.m.)

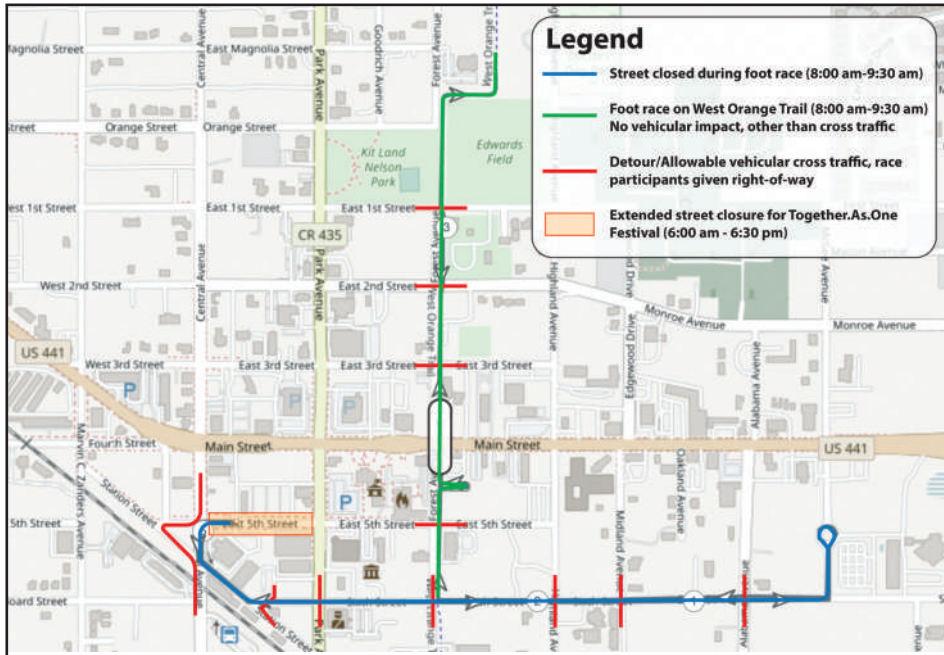
Additional cross traffic may be affected along West Orange Trail (WOT) including the following: East Fifth St/WOT, Third Street/WOT, East Second Street/

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Cross traffic will be allowed on affected streets. However, race participants

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A map of road closures for the September 23 9/11 Memorial Run and Together As One Festival.

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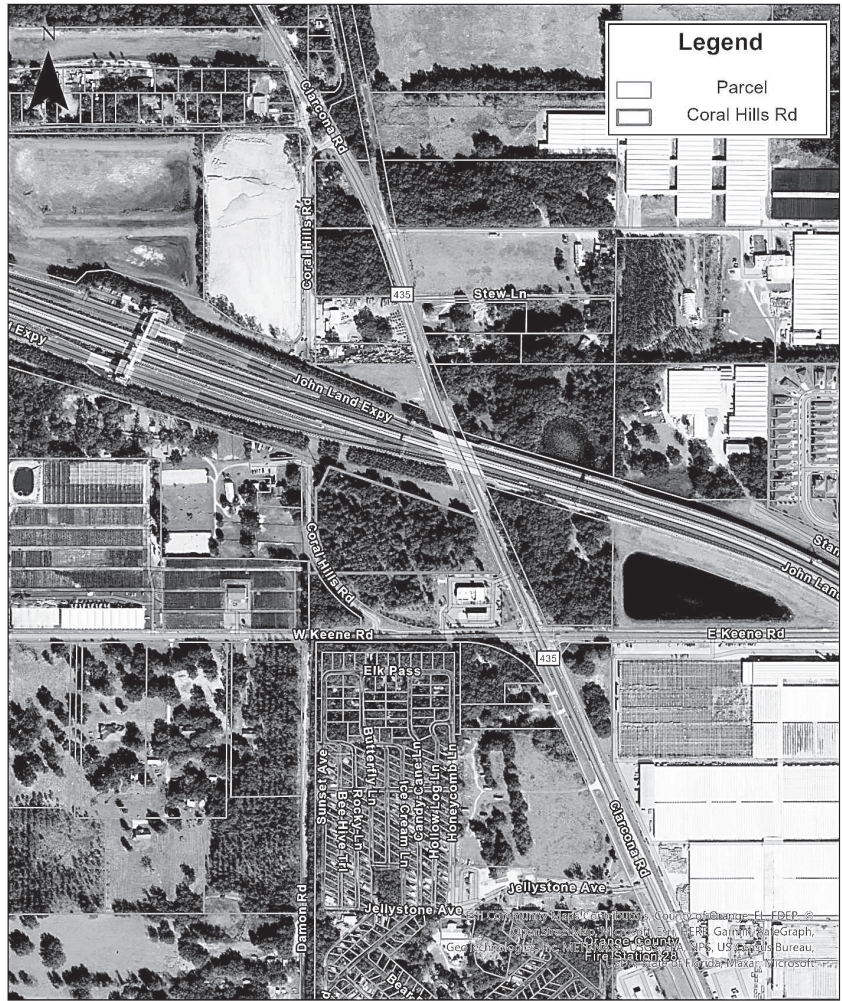
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FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3026 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, November 1, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** AND **Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

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**Graceworx** was founded by a group of people who believe a congregation should refresh the spirit, stimulate the mind, provide warm fellowship, and work unflaggingly with other congregations and civic organizations for the betterment of our local community.

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*Graceworx Community Church meets each Saturday morning at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 9913 Bear Lake Road, Apopka, FL 32703. Contact us by calling 321-228-4599 or emailing [graceworxcc@gmail.com](mailto:graceworxcc@gmail.com).*

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**CHARLENE E. LANTER**, 70, of Apopka, Florida passed away on September 16, 2023. Mrs. Lanter was born on October 05, 1952 in Orlando, Florida to the late Edward and Evelyn Athearn. She is preceded in death by her siblings John Edward Athearn and Cindy Lou Hosmer. She is survived by her loving husband Ed Lanter; children Angel Jones, Michelle (Trey) Hill and Kim (Stacy) Leddon; siblings Edwina Tucker and Michelle Athearn; 8 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; nieces/nephews, as well as extended family, loved ones and friends.

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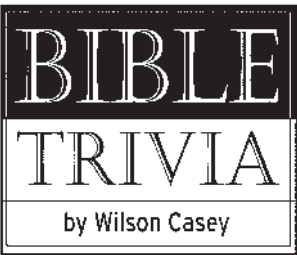
**JEANNETTE LAVINIA RHODES**, 100, of Zellwood, Florida passed away on September 11, 2023. Mrs. Rhodes was born on January 19, 1923 to the late Dean Latter and Lucy Stewart in West Greenville, South Carolina, where she attended West Greenville High School. She is preceded in death by her loving husband Edd Henry Rhodes and daughter Janis Ann Rhodes Baker. She is survived by her children Edd Alan Rhodes of Orange Park, FL, Wayne Alvin Rhodes of Brunswick, GA and David Dean Rhodes of Zellwood, FL; as well as her cherished grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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2. On watching Jesus' arrest and trial, which disciple claimed three times he didn't know the Lord? Judas, James, John, Peter
3. From Proverbs, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of \_\_\_\_?" Song, Silver, Meadows, Eden
4. Who was quoted, "Is there any taste in the white of an egg"? Solomon, David, Daniel, Job
5. What did Job behold as the fear of the Lord? Distrust, Wisdom, Unrighteous, Sympathy
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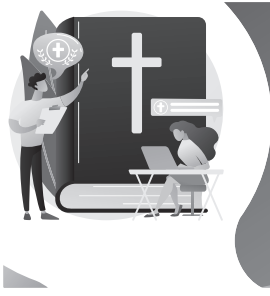
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should encompass a minimum of 3,000 square feet, complete with air conditioning. In addition, an outdoor area is necessary for dog walking, including a fenced-in section for showcasing adoptable dogs. AFHAR is open to working with prospective landlords to fulfill these requirements, according to a press release from the pet rescue.

With enough funds raised, AFHAR's goal is to purchase its own building

on a property where dogs can run freely and play, guaranteeing the rescue's stability and preventing future displacement.

AFHAR has been providing a safe haven for dogs rescued from high-kill shelters, puppy mills, dog fighting rings, and abusive homes. Its mission is to offer a nurturing environment where these dogs can be loved, cared for, and provided with vital healthcare services.

With a capacity to house 30 to 60 dogs at any

given time, AFHAR also attends to puppies, shy and traumatized dogs, as well as untamed dogs requiring additional domestication efforts. Moreover, the organization extends its care to sick dogs in need of veterinary attention and time to heal, according to the press release.

AFHAR's GoFundMe page is [tinyurl.com/2cce2ahy](https://www.gofundme.com/2cce2ahy). To donate by check, mail it to AFHAR Inc., c/o L. Masters, 900 Second St., Clermont 34711.



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# This potato soup sounds delicious, especially for cooler weather

For all you busy cooks, here is Speedy Taco Supper. It will make a dozen tacos. This south-of-the-border feast is fast enough for week nights and easy enough for beginning cooks. If you're scratching your head wondering why you have to find ground chuck, which comes from front beef shoulders, you don't. I will use lean ground beef, which comes from the pieces after the beef is cut into roasts and steaks. This has fewer calories than chuck although it is a little pricier. And I usually have a ready supply in my freezer. I'm not buying many steaks these days!

"Shrimp Rice is a very simple dish to make," says Mrs. Emily Meggett, in her book titled, *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking*, "but it packs the flavor. When you cut your bacon, the pieces should be no bigger than a fingertip, and you want your onions chopped fine."

I have a little paperback cookbook titled *The Original Country Cookbook* published in 1976 by Paragon Products, Inc., in Pompano Beach. A friend gave me this little gem. I found a recipe for the making of Scrapple therein, which may have some interest among our readers. I can remember my mother sometimes cooking Scrapple for breakfast when I was a child. I have heard people on the radio sneering at Scrapple, but the ingredients for this breakfast item are made from only the finest pork items.

I also found a recipe, that I will include for you industrious cooks, for making Pork Sausage from fresh raw pork in *The Original Country Cookbook*.

And, here is a recipe, for the sausage you just made, from Ree Drummond of The Pioneer Woman.com. She has some wonderful recipes, including one called Sausage Breakfast Casserole. This one is an "easy make-ahead breakfast casserole."

Frances McHale contributed her Potato Soup recipe to Apopka Historical Society's *Preserving the Big Potato*, a Collection of Potato Recipes. I'm sorry to say there is no copyright date in this volume, but am sure it is from quite a few years ago.

Reader and dear friend Joyce Lampp's Sour Cream Pound Cake cannot be beat! It is a great favorite whenever she brings one in to our of-

fice.

**SPEEDY TACO SUPPER**  
**Recipe from 1996 Southern Living Annual Recipes**  
**1 pound ground chuck**  
**2 to 3 teaspoons Taco Seasoning Blend (see below)**  
**1/4 cup water**  
**12 taco shells**  
**Condiments: chopped onion and tomato, shredded lettuce and cheese**

1) Brown ground chuck in a large skillet over medium heat, stirring until it crumbles; drain. Add Taco Seasoning Blend and 1/4 cup water, stirring well.  
2) Cook over medium heat 3 to 5 minutes or until liquid evaporates. Spoon meat mixture into taco shells; top with condiments as desired. Yield: 1 dozen.

**EMILY MEGGETT'S SHRIMP RICE**  
**Recipe from Gullah Geechee Home Cooking by Emily Meggett**  
**2 pounds small shrimp**  
**6 slices bacon**  
**1 large onion, diced**  
**1/4 cup unsalted butter**  
**1 tablespoon seasoning salt, preferably Gold Medal**  
**1 teaspoon crushed red pepper**  
**3 cups long-grain white rice, rinsed**

1) Peel, devein, and wash the shrimp. Remove the tails. Set aside.  
2) In a large skillet, cook the bacon for about 5 minutes, or until crisp, and chop it into small pieces. Add the onion and cook it with the bacon for 3 to 5 minutes, allowing the onion to become coated with bacon fat.  
3) In a separate pan, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the shrimp and cook until pink, 2 to 3 minutes.  
4) Remove the cooked shrimp from the butter and add it to the skillet with the bacon and onion.  
5) Add 4-1/2 cups tepid water, along with seasoning salt and crushed red pepper.  
6) Bring the water to a boil, then add the uncooked rice.  
7) Cook over low heat stirring frequently until the rice has absorbed almost all of the water, 15 to 20 minutes. Stir with a fork to ensure the rice is fluffy and done.

**SCRAPPLE**  
**Recipe from Paragon Products, Inc., The Original Country Cookbook**  
**1-1/2 lbs pork shoulder**  
**1/4 lb pork liver**  
**1 cup corn meal**  
**2 teaspoons salt**  
**1/4 cup chopped onion**  
**Dash ground cloves**  
**1/4 teaspoon dried thyme**

**1 teaspoon dried sage**  
**1 teaspoon dried marjoram**  
**1/2 teaspoon pepper**  
Combine liver and pork shoulder in a saucepan with 1 quart water and cook slowly for 1 hour. Drain, reserving broth. Discard bones and chop meat fine. Blend salt, 1 cup water, 2 cups broth, and corn meal in pan. Cook, stirring constantly until thick. Stir in meat, onions, along with spices and herbs. Cover and simmer 1 hour. Pour into loaf pan and cool until firm. Cut into slices, dust with flour, and fry in a small bit of fat until crisp.

**ALICE'S PORK SAUSAGE**  
**Recipe from Paragon Products, Inc., The Original Country Cookbook**  
**4 lbs lean pork**  
**3 tablespoons backbone fat**  
**2 teaspoons ground black pepper**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper**  
**4 tablespoons leaf sage**  
Grind together. Package and refrigerate.

**SAUSAGE BREAKFAST CASSEROLE**  
**Recipe from ThePioneerWoman.com**  
**Butter or nonstick spray**  
**1 pound breakfast sausage, such as Jimmy Dean**  
**4 scallions, chopped, white and green parts divided**  
**1 red bell pepper, chopped**  
**10 eggs**  
**1-1/4 cup heavy cream**  
**1 tablespoon Dijon mustard**  
**2 teaspoons hot sauce, optional**  
**1-1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**1 teaspoon black pepper**  
**2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided (8-oz. portions)**  
**1 30-ounce package frozen shredded hash browns, thawed**  
1) Grease 9 x 13-inch (or other 3-quart) baking dish with butter or non-stick spray. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
2) Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the sausage and break up into small pieces with a wooden spoon. Cook the meat until no pink pieces remain, about 6-8 minutes. Add the red bell pepper and white and light-green parts of the scallions, and cook three more minutes. Transfer to a plate to let cool slightly.  
3) Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, heavy cream, mustard, hot sauce, salt, black pepper and about one-half of the remaining green parts of the scal-

lions (save the rest to sprinkle on top of the casserole once baked.) Gently fold 1-1/2 cups of cheese, the hash-browns, and the sausage mixture into the egg mixture. Transfer all to the baking dish and smooth into an even layer.  
4) Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 50 minutes. Remove the foil, and top with the remaining 1/2-cup of cheese. Increase the oven temperature to 400 degrees and finish baking until the center of the casserole is set (not jiggly) and the top is slightly golden, 10-15 more minutes. Let rest 10 minutes, top with the remaining green parts of the scallions, then serve.

**FRANCES McHALE'S POTATO SOUP**  
**Recipe from Apopka Historical Society's Preserving the Big Potato – A Collection of Potato Recipes**  
**6 cups water**  
**6 medium potatoes peeled and diced**  
**2 stalks celery diced**  
**1 small onion diced**  
**3 tablespoons chives, chopped**  
**1-1/2 teaspoons salt**  
**1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper**  
**1 cup evaporated or whole milk**  
**2 tablespoons butter**

Bring water to a boil in a 2-quart saucepan. Add potatoes, celery, onion, chives, salt, and pepper. Reduce heat and simmer slowly for 25 minutes. Add butter, then stir in milk. Bring to a boil. Serve.

**JOYCE LAMPP'S SOUR CREAM POUND CAKE**  
**Recipe from Reader of The Apopka Chief and The Planter newspapers**  
**1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine**  
**3 cups sugar**  
**6 eggs**  
**1 8-ounce cup sour cream**  
**3 cups plain flour**  
**1/4 teaspoon salt**  
**1/4 teaspoon baking soda**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla**

Cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs 1 at a time, beating after each addition.

Sift flour, salt and soda together. Add 1 cup of the sifted flour mixture at a time to the creamed butter and sugar mixture, alternating with 1/3 of sour cream. Beat until well mixed. Then add vanilla, mixing in. Spray tube pan with cooking spray. Cut and line the bottom of tube pan with waxed paper. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Cool on cooling rack before removing from pan.

SEPTEMBER 2023 ★ ★ EVENTS ★ WEEKLY ★ UPCOMING ★ ONGOING ★ ★			
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Children must be five years old on or before September 1 to start kindergarten. To enter first grade, a child must be six years old on or before September 1 and must have successfully completed kindergarten (Florida Statute 1003.21). Immunizations must be current.	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22	SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave. at Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info	MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 12 noon-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E Fifth St. 407-703-1642 for info.
UNLESS CHANGED: School Start Times for Elementary School & K-8: 8 a.m., Middle School: 9:30 a.m., High school: 7:10 a.m.	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23	ART CLASS. 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks required. Temperature taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info	FOLIAGE GARDEN CLUB OF APOPKA, meets the first Thursday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. at the Billy Dean Community Center at Alonzo Williams Park, 225 M.A. Board St., Apopka. Contact: apopkafgca@gmail.com
City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwellley Parkway, Apopka 32712, 407-703-1784. On any given weekend, you can see many, many families in attendance at the beautiful complex setting participating in various organized sport programs, Amenities at the complex include: Soccer Fields, Softball Fields, Baseball Fields, Multi-Purpose Fields, Sand Volleyball Courts, Outdoor Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Walking Trail, Amphitheater, Playground, Concession Stands.	VFW POST 10147 continues to have its fund raising breakfast on the fourth, not the third Saturday of the month in OCTOBER ON THE 21st, from 8-10 a.m. at 519 S. Central Avenue. Cost is only \$6	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	PLANT CLINIC in Apopka is open on Tuesdays. Do you have problems with your plants or lawn? Let a Master Gardener help. Orange County homeowners can bring their questions and samples to UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener volunteers at the UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research Education Center (MREC), 2725 Binion Road, Apopka 32703, 9-12 for homeowners. Tuesdays. 1-4 p.m. commercial. Free. 407-254-9200 .
11-mile wildlife drive (complete with directional signs) (opened in 2015) on Lake Apopka shores, by entering from Lust Road off Binion Road, about a mile south of Camp Wewa in the Plymouth area, for one-way drive, 10 miles per hour, with possible wildlife spotting stops. DO NOT FEED THE GATORS - IT MAY CAUSE CLOSING OF THE TRAIL If you are stopping, drive will take more than 1 hour. Drive runs by canals used in muck-farming days. The one-way drive exits on Jones Road in Zellwood. You will see a freshwater marsh system and wildlife dependent on that type of system. The drive is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and federal holidays and is controlled by the county. Open during daylight hours only (one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset). Official sunrise and sunset hours can be found online. The road is closed on other days due to ongoing restoration work. The trail is 11 miles long.	MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E. FIFTH STREET, APOPKA. Managed by Apopka Historical Society. Call 407-703-1624 for info.	THE ALTAMONTE SPRINGS / APOPKA VFW POST 10147: is NOW OPEN Wednesday and Saturday Mornings from (TIME CHANGE) 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts. (other hours by appointment only). 3rd Saturday of the month is VFW's fundraising breakfast. Also, evenings of Tribute music are planned. Call 407-889-8266, or email info@vfwpost10147.com for information. The VFW Auxiliary has been formed and is active as well. Don't forget to visit its excellent Military Museum.	COMPUTER CLASSES in both English and Spanish: Available daily or weekly at OCLS North Orange Branch.* Classes are: Computer Basics, Excel, Word Resume Writing, Email for Seniors, ELLIS English Lab, Word, Online Job Searches, Power Point, Internet, Open Lab, How to use a mouse and keyboard, etc. Call OCLS North Orange Branch* for more details.
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	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25	BRIDGE CLASS. 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks required. Temperatures taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.	(OCLS) Orange County Public Library North Orange Branch Address: 1211 E. Semoran Boulevard, Apopka 436 (Semoran) and Thompson Road. www.ocls.info. To reserve a space, call 407-835-7323. The library is now open again Mon-Sat. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Sunday afternoons
	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	TOPS CHAPTER #646. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), TOPS, a non-profit organization, will help you reach a weight goal with support from friendly, caring members, education, and re-	*Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, 180 E. Main St., Apopka. For more info, call 407-886-1441

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## Conference to educate residents about neighborhood improvement

On October 14, Orange County will host its in-person Community Conference, an annual event that provides residents an opportunity to learn about innovative ways to improve neighborhoods.

This year's workshops will offer a well-rounded blend of topics for individual citizens, voluntary neighborhood organizations, homeowners associations and other community groups.

"The purpose of the conference is to get residents and community stakeholders together to share new ideas for preserving and enhancing communities," Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings was quoted as saying in a news release. "This year's workshops are truly impressive and will help residents take advantage of all the services the County provides."

Some workshops will include:  
*To Be or Not to Be: Avoiding Becoming a Fraud Victim* – Attendees

of this workshop will learn about the complaint types that fall under the Consumer Protection Office staff, including the enforcement authority for Vehicle Trespass Towing and Immobilization Devices, and methods used to resolve those grievances and raise public awareness about unlawful business practices.

*Ask A Lawyer* – As a board member of a homeowners' or condominium association, you have a legal responsibility to your community. In return, residents of communities with associations expect their associations to meet certain responsibilities. This workshop offers free legal advice when it comes to neighborhood-related legal documents, processes and practices.

*The BIG Merger: Orange County Code Enforcement Merges with Neighborhood Services Division to Improve Communities* – This workshop explains how the County's

new approach to code enforcement and gaining compliance embraces a smarter, more collaborative and efficient way to bring code violations into compliance.

Another highlight of the conference is the Community Organizations Awards, which include the following four categories: Monica Harris Spires Excellence in Leadership; Excellence in Community Building Projects; Excellence in Neighborly Service; and Clean and Attractive Neighborhood of the Year.

To register, go to the 25th Annual Community Conference website at <https://tinyurl.com/pbwpu6e6>.

To nominate an Orange County resident or organization for one of the above awards, complete the nomination form at <https://tinyurl.com/2ehdh59s> and email it to Alina Rivera Campo at [alina.riveracampo@ocfl.net](mailto:alina.riveracampo@ocfl.net).



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